



# Iron Hill Park

## Trail Guide



- Key to Historic Sites**
1. Indian Jasper Mine
  2. Iron Hill Hand Dug Mine
  3. Whittaker Ore Pit (Pond)
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  5. Iron Hill School 112C
  6. Foundation of Original Colored School
  7. Old House Foundation
  8. Old House Foundation
  9. House Manager's House Foundation
  10. Tenant House Foundation
  11. Old Still Location
  12. Old Still Location
  13. Old Still Location
  14. Vertical Well / Ore Shaft (Filled In)
  15. Stone Wall (Revolutionary Days)
  16. Stone Wall (Revolutionary Days)
  17. Foundation for Shorty Diggs (Bootlegger)

- ① Historic Sites
- P Parking Area
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Trails - Easy
- Trails - Intermediate
- Trails - Difficult
- Mason-Dixon Trail

- Bark Park
- Disc Golf
- Elevation



New Castle County  
Department of Special Services

Welcome to New Castle County parks!

We offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities to residents of all ages and interests from our flagship Rockwood, Glasgow and Carousel parks, to miles of trails in the Middle Run Valley Natural Area to athletic fields, dog parks and so much more in neighborhoods throughout our county.

Whether you are looking for a walking trail to explore the outdoors, a playground for your kids, or a pocket of scenic open space to reflect and unwind, you are just minutes away from one of the 247 parks in our county park system.

I invite you to visit [www.nccde.org/parks](http://www.nccde.org/parks) to learn more about our county parks, download park and trail maps and reserve a park facility for your next social gathering.

Matthew Meyer  
County Executive

RULES AND REGULATIONS: SUMMARY

- 1. **HOURS** - All New Castle County parks are open year-round. Hours of operation are dawn to dusk, except with permission of the Department.
- 2. **TEMPORARY CLOSURE** - The General Manager has the authority to temporarily close a museum or the grounds when required by Public Health, Safety and Welfare.
- 3. **MOTOR VEHICLES** - No motor vehicles shall be driven except in areas specifically designated for their use. All motor vehicle laws of the State of Delaware must be followed.
- 4. **POSTING** - No signs or markers can be put in place, except with written permission of the Department. Sales or solicitation are also generally prohibited.
- 5. **ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND GAMBLING** - Consumption, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Gambling is also prohibited.
- 6. **DAMAGE AND DUMPING** - Vandalism of trees, shrubs, plants, turf, rocks, buildings, fences, bridges, signs, stream water quality or any other natural or man-made asset of the park is prohibited. Nothing may be dumped in the park.
- 7. **FIRE** - No fires shall be kindled.
- 8. **SAFETY OF ANIMALS** - No one shall trap, snare, shoot, poison, injure, annoy or disturb any wild animal or bird or damage any nest.
- 9. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** - Threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, obscene or indecent actions and fighting are prohibited.
- 10. **WEAPONS** - No one shall carry any knife having a blade three (3) inches or longer on the grounds. The possession or discharge of BB guns, air guns, firearms, bows and arrows or any lethal weapon is prohibited.
- 11. **ACTIVITIES** - Entertainment, demonstrations or exhibitions are prohibited, except with the approval of the Department.
- 12. **GROUP FUNCTIONS** - Permits for group activities should be obtained in advance from the Department.
- 13. **NOISE** - Loud music is not permitted. Please be respectful of your neighbors.
- 14. **DOGS** - Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, unless they are enjoying the fenced Bark Park. Please, pick up after your dog.

Iron Hill Park has so much to enjoy!

- **Dense Forest and Winding Trails**

No matter what the season, visitors are treated to a cornucopia of sight when they enter the woods. Feel free to hike or walk the trails, or just sit down on a rock and enjoy the sounds of the leaves rustling, the birds singing, and the scurry of squirrels as they run up and down the trees. Splendid colors abound and breathtaking views appear at every turn. Be sure to bring along a camera or an artist's palette to capture any one of the many delights you will discover.



- **Lively Bark Park**

Visitors are encouraged to bring their furry friends to our lively Bark Park. Within two fenced areas, for large and small dogs, you can allow your canines to run free and to socialize with other "like-minded" pets! Throw a ball and have your dog chase it; sit down and make a friend with another pet owner! You are sure to enjoy this fun amenity.



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- **Fun Playground**

Children are sure to love the new playgrounds installed at Iron Hill Park. They can run, climb, swing and slide to their heart's content on the brightly-colored and safe play equipment.



- **Challenging Disc Golf Course**

For those visitors who enjoy an organized sport, a disc golf course with 18 holes has been put into place. Join the fun as you toss and flip your discs while getting a workout covering the expansive layout. This course will challenge your skills and your patience! Two practice pins are set up near the parking lot - so give it a try!

The Delaware Disc Golfers hold events in the park. Contact them for a schedule and volunteer opportunities. A course map is available online at [www.nccde.org/parks](http://www.nccde.org/parks).



- **Convenient Pavilion**

Have your next cook-out at the Pavilion at Iron Hill Park! There are grills, trash barrels and tables for your use. Please call the Department of Special Services at 302-395-5606 to reserve the Pavilion for your group activity. Fee charged for reservation.



- **Hiking Trails**

The packed earth multi-use trails, for pedestrians and mountain bikers, wind around the hill. The trails include varying degrees of difficulty.

The Mason-Dixon Trail, which runs the length of Iron Hill Park, is part of the system that connects the Appalachian Trail with the Brandywine Trail near Chadds Ford, PA.

The Delaware Trail Spinners, a mountain bike club, volunteer with trail maintenance. See their website at [www.trailspinners.org](http://www.trailspinners.org) for information about their events at the park.

For volunteer opportunities with Friends of Iron Hill Park, see [friendsofironhillpark.org](http://friendsofironhillpark.org).

- **Iron Hill Science Center**

Experience the natural world of local flora and fauna, rock and mineral collections and fossil specimens found in the region. See artifacts from local pre-historic cultures and historic representation of the rich industry once found at Iron Hill.

The Iron Hill Science Center is located at 1115 Robert L. Melson Lane, Newark DE.

Information on activities at the Iron Hill Science Center, and neighboring Iron Hill Museum (house in Iron Hill School 112C) can be found at "Iron Hill Museum" public facebook page or call 302-368-5703.

Park Trail Guides are available for Carousel Park, Glasgow Park, Iron Hill Park, Middle Run Natural Area, and Rockwood Park & Museum.

To obtain a copy, visit your local library, or contact the NCC Special Services at 302-395-5700 or NCC Community Services at 302-395-5606.

Online maps and additional information on New Castle County's park system is available at [www.nccde.org/parks](http://www.nccde.org/parks)

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